

Remarks

It is respectfully requested that claims 1 - 5 be reconsidered for allowance in view of this Amendment and these Remarks.

Page 11 and the "Assignment" thereon is cancelled.

Claims 1 - 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons. Claim 1 recites a coupling mechanism having an upper implement coupling hook mounted on the cross member. This is supported by upper implement coupling hook 29 mounted on the cross member 12. Claim 1 also recites a pair of attaching members each mounted to a respective one of the side members, each attaching member comprising an elongated body, a first lower hook fixed to a first end of the body, and a second lower hook fixed to a second end of the body. This is supported by attaching members 50, side members 14, 16, first lower hook 56 fixed to a first end of the body, and second lower hook 58 fixed to a second end of the body. When in its operative position, hook 56 is lower than upper hook 29. When in its operative position, hook 58 is lower than upper hook 29. Thus, both hooks 56 and 58 are correctly recited as lower hooks with respect to upper hook 29, and claim 1 is not indefinite. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Horney. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons. Claim 1 recites a pair of attaching members each mounted to a respective one of the side members, each attaching member comprising an elongated body, a first lower hook fixed to a first end of the body, and a second lower hook fixed to a second end of the body. As above, this is supported by attaching members 50, side members 14, 16, first lower hook 56 fixed to a first end of the body, and second lower hook 58 fixed to a second end of the body.

Turning to the reference, Horney includes a pair of attaching members 30 and 32. However, member 30 has only a single hook 50 attached to one end thereof, and member 32 has only a single hook 52 attached thereto. Thus, each attaching member of Horney does not have two hooks as recited in claim 1. This is clear from a simple comparison of applicant's Fig. 1 to Fig. 2 of Horney. Applicant's Fig. 1 shows a pair of attaching members 50. Each member 50 has 2 hooks 56 and 58. In contrast, in Fig. 2 of Horney member 30 has only hook 50 and member 32 has only hook 52. These members 30 and 32 cannot be pivoted into different operative

positions as can the dual hook attaching members of applicant's claim 1. Thus, claim 1 should be allowed and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 - 5 should be allowed because they depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 1.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

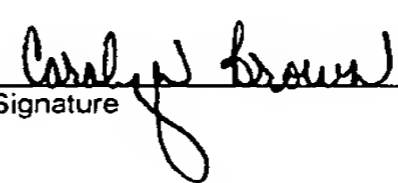
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